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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SUBJ: ROMANIAN RESTRICTIONS MAY BE RAISED IN CSCE

GENEVA FOR CSCE

1. AT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 17 OF NATO
AMBASSADORS IN BUCHAREST, MOST OF THOSE PRESENT SAID THEIR
EMBASSIES HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS
AT CSCE RAISE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER RECENT ROMANIAN
REGULATIONS LIKE PROHIBITING FOREIGNERS FROM STAYING IN
PRIVATE LODGINGS AND THE MANDATORY \$10-A-DAY CURRENCY
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CONVERSION WERE NOT OBSTACLES TO IMPROVING CONTACTS.

2. COMMENT: WHATEVER THE GENESIS OF ROMANIAN DECREES (HARD CURRENCY SHORTAGE AND DESIRE TO CONTROL FOREIGN CONTACTS ARE INTERTWINED), THEY ARE NUISANCE FOR US CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY PARTICIPANTS UNDER CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, US RELATIVES OF ROMANIANS, US BUSINESSMEN AND TECHNICIANS, AND HAVE CAUSED THE EMBASSY FACILITATION TROUBLES. WE SUGGEST THAT THE US CSCE DELEGATION BE PREPARED TO JOIN IN ANY ALLIED MOVE WHICH IN EFFECT STRESSES THE UNHELPFULNESS OF THIS TYPE OF REGULATION. BARNES

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